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STAFFDEL VALEO

E.O.: 11652 N/A

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SUBJECT: STAFFDEL VALEO

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1. MR. FRANCIS VALEO, SECRETARY OF THE SENATE, IS ONE OF KEY STAFFERS IN THE CONGRESS. AS SENATOR MANSFIELD'S PRINCIPAL FOREIGN AFFAIRS ADVISOR, HE WAS PART OF THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION THAT ATTENDED THE MEXICO FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE. HIS TRIP TO ADDRESSEE POSTS AT THE REQUEST OF SENATOR MANSFIELD REFLECTS THE SENATOR'S RE-NEWED INTEREST IN LATIN AMERICA.

2. IN GUATEMALA VALEO IS INTERESTED PRIMARILY IN THE POLITICAL SITUATION AND CURRENT U.S. POSTURE TOWARDS NEW GOVERNMENT. IN COSTA RICA AND HONDURAS VALEO WOULD LIKE BRIEFINGS TO CONCENTRATE ON ECONOMIC ISSUES SUCH AS (A) LEVEL OF US BUSINESS INVOLVEMENT IN HOST COUNTRY AND HOW EFFECTIVELY U.S. MULTINATIONALS FUNCTION IN THAT
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SETTING (B) SCOPE OF US AID PROGRAMS (C) STATUS OF THE

CENTRAL AMERICAN COMMON MARKETS AS SEEN FROM EACH COUNTRY
(D) IMPLICATIONS OF U.S. SUGAR QUOTA (IF ANY) FOR HOST
COUNTRY (E) HOST COUNTRY REACTION TO U.S. ECONOMIC INITIA-
TIVES AT MEXICO CITY CONFERENCE. VALEO FEELS MEETINGS
WITH HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS NOT NECESSARY. KISSINGER

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